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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1114.

Monday, the 6th of February 1939.
24th of Makaram 1114.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, E. Ikkanda Warriar, Ismail Hajee Essa Sait, P. Govinda Menon, H. J. Walmesley and Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

AYURVEDIC HOSPITAL, TRICHUR—ATTENDANCE IN.

241. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many doctors are there in the Ayurvedic Hospital, Trichur;

(2) what is the number of patients attending the same in the last year and in the Civil Hospital, Trichur, during the same period;

(3) what is the cost of the establishment of the Ayurvedic Hospital?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*):

(1) Fourteen.

(2) R. V. C. A. Hospital: 1,53,591

Civil Hospital:

In-patients .. 2,100

Out-patients .. 74,648

(3) Rs. 8,259—1—0.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what will be the approximate cost of the establishment of the Civil Hospital, Trichur?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is very difficult to say that now. I think it may approximately come to Rs. 2,000 a month.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): What will be the number of in-patients and out-patients in the R. V. C. A. Hospital? Here only the total number is given.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Strictly speaking, in hospitals of this kind, there are no conveniences for in-patients. They will be practically out-patient hospitals. Of course there may be a few beds to accommodate certain serious cases. There will be a number of these in-patients which I do not remember now.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): In view of the very increasing popularity of this institution, will the Government be pleased to see that some accommodation is made with regard to the in-patients that go there?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We have already taken this matter into consideration and I think something will be done.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): With reference to sub-division (3), whether the cost mentioned there includes also the cost of medicine?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No, it is only the cost of establishment.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): May I know, whether the Government think of extending this system of hospitals, gauging from the experience with this institution?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We are thinking of extending this system. It is all a question of money available. The House may rest assured that as far as possible, something will be done according to the availability of funds.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, what is the approximate amount spent for the distribution of medicine?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is very difficult to give the figures off-hand.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Are medicines prepared in the hospital sold to outside agencies?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Some are prepared in the hospital and a portion sold.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Are medicines prepared in the hospital sold for cash?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Yes, in some cases. Let me say here for the information of the House, that there is a very great demand for these medicines because people have a belief that these are genuine. We are getting big orders from various persons. If this question of preparing and selling out medicines is properly tackled, I think, we may be gaining a few thousands of rupees a year. Now we are supplying the medicines for the rural hospitals from the Head Office. I may also say that the price is 40 to 50 per cent less than the price prevailing at the several shops outside.

PLAGUE IN MATTANCHERI.

242. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറ്റർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവണ്മെന്റ് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ:—

- (a) മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ പ്ലേഗുണ്ടെന്നു പ്രഖ്യാപനം ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ;
- (b) പ്ലേഗുകൊണ്ട് എത്ര മരണങ്ങൾ പ്രഖ്യാപനത്തിന്നു ശേഷം ഇതേവരെ ഉണ്ടായി;
- (c) പുറരാജ്യങ്ങളിലേക്കു മട്ടാഞ്ചേരിയിൽ നിന്നു കുയറ്റിപ്പോകുന്ന അരിചാക്കുകൾക്കു മരുന്ന് തളിക്കാറുണ്ടോ;
- (d) മരുന്ന് തളിക്കാതെപ്പുറത്തുപോയിട്ടുള്ള അരിയിൽനിന്നോ മറ്റു ചരക്കുകളിൽനിന്നോ രോഗബിജം പടന്നുപിടിച്ചതായി അറിവുണ്ടോ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: (a) പ്രഖ്യാപനം ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. എന്നാൽ മന്ത്രു മാച്ച് 9-ാംനാൾക്കു ശരിയായ മമ മന്ത്രിയുടെ മുമ്പാകെ മീനം 8-ാംനാൾ പ്ലേഗു റെഗുലേഷൻസിലെ ഒന്നാം റെഗുലേഷനനുസരിച്ച് സ്ഥലം പ്രത്യേകനോട്ടത്തിൽ പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുകയാണു്.

- (b) ടി. റെഗുലേഷൻ പ്രകാരം നോട്ടത്തിൽ പെടുത്തിയതിന്നു ശേഷം രണ്ടു മരണങ്ങൾ ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടു്.
- (c) ഉപ്പു്.
- (d) ഇല്ല.

MUZHICKAL BRIDGE—MELUR VILLAGE.

243. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muzhikkal bridge in the Melur village is completed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The bridge work proper is practically completed. Earthwork forming approaches, and forming approach roads on either side still remain to be done. This is being attended to.

244. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (1) whether there are approach roads to the Muzhikkal bridge, in the Melur village;
- (2) is not the construction of the bridge now completed?